



NEWS FROM THE HAWAII STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION AND THE HONOLULU COIN CLUB

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## SUSANNAH WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER REOPENS AFTER RENOVATIONS

BY M. F. KENDRICK

We had the pleasure of being invited to the dedication services of the reopening of the SWCC which is located Kalihi at 1117 Kaili Street. After months of work and newly renovated, the Center is open again. There were many dignitaries present, such as Governor Cayetano, Mayor Harris, Senator Inouye and local community leaders. Lynn Waihee and Senator Dan Inouye were the co-chairpersons for the Capital Improvement Committee. There were also many others who were instrumental in the fund raising. As you may not know Mrs. Waihee grew up in Kalihi and Mr. Inouye's mother lived at SWCC.

The Halau of New Hope from the New Hope Chapel provided music and Hawaiian dancing. After all the speeches and awards were given, everyone was invited to partake of a sumptuous pupu table.

The new section of SWCC has additional meeting rooms, a gym with a partial basketball floor, but a regulation volleyball court, and a nice quiet garden courtyard area in the center. The old building of the SWCC has been improved, one of the rooms has air conditioning now. There is a new paved parking lot (where the community gardens were located), enough for 55 car stalls.

AUGUST 16, 1997

There is work being planned for the old building renovations. You can still make your donation pledge to SWCC if you have not done so yet.

Mahalo to SWCC -- well done.

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### Attention All Club Members:

As of July 9, 1997, the Honolulu Coin Club has returned to the Susannah Wesley Community Center for our regular meetings held every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For those with vehicle, who will attend our meetings, please park at the Mauka side of the new parking lot.



# The Hunt...

by mr. k

They say that it is the hunt that is most exciting\challenging than the actual kill in any venture. Well, I find this to be very true for me in my hobby. You have to keep looking (hunting) in order to find the item (you are looking for). Last February I was passing out posters and flyers and talking to people about our Hawaii Collector's Expo '97 that was held at the Blaisdell Exhibition hall. On one of my many stops, which is just below my home in Aiea is a pawn shop called "The Shopkeepers." It is located on the west side of Pearlridge Shopping Center, (called- Westridge Shopping Center, next to where the Yum Yum Tree Restaurant was located). I have visited the shop from time to time and have a long time friendship with the owner, Mr. Alvin Ah Loo, whom I have seen many times at coin shows. I asked him if he would put up our poster and pass out our flyers to his customers. He said O.K. While there, I looked and checked his display cases of coins, jewelry, watches, rings, and other small items, when I happened to notice the familiar envelope of the HCC Bird medal sets. I asked Alvin if he knew which one (number) set he had. We both looked inside the envelope to see what he had and much to my surprise it was "NO 1" the "key" to the series! I asked him how much he wanted, although the outside the envelope had a figure of \$45.00 on it. I had no idea as to what he would charge "me", and before he could answer, I said that I would buy all that he had. He said, "Wait, I do have some more in the back room, but am not sure if they are the same." While waiting for him to check it out, I spent the time looking at his display cases when I saw a gold metal bird that appeared to be like the one on the bird medal set.

After waiting a few minutes (which seem like hours), Alvin was back with several envelopes in his hand that were all the same color. We both checked each one to ensure that they were indeed the No 1 set and in good condition. I asked him "how much," hoping now to get a good deal because of the number he had. He stood there and mentally

calculated what he would charge me. Well, I did not get a "steal" however the price was very fair and I was comfortable with it. The issue price was \$25.00 for the set. As for the gold metal bird, he informed me that a local artist had made several of them as he had seen others (was not able to give me any more information). "How much" I asked for the gold bird? He gave a figure which was less than the price listed on the tag. I accepted his offer. I thanked him and said that I would purchase any more No 1 HCC bird medals that he was able to acquire.

I was feeling so good, like on "cloud nine" for having found what has taken several years to locate.

Now, the collectors of bird medals who are missing the "key" will be able to complete their set.

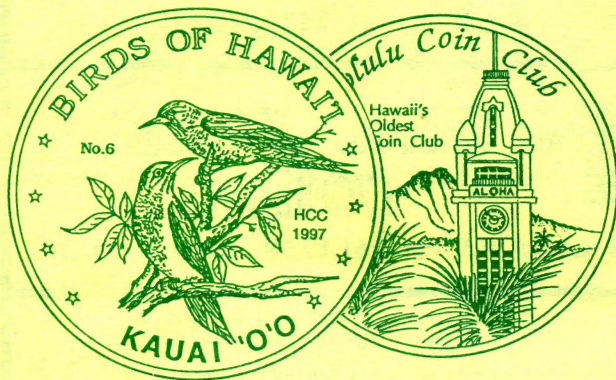
Several months later, I revisited the pawn shop, The Shopkeepers and saw Alvin. Lo and behold, while browsing through his display cases, I saw the familiar silver and bronze medals of birds which was the "key" (No-1). I asked Alvin if there were more and his reply was "No" that this is the last one he found from my previous visit. Well, you know who the new owner is now? I could not believe what I saw next, another gold metal bird, however, it appears to be one of the other birds in the series. Have not had a chance to check it out yet, but, you can be sure that if it does match, it will also have a new owner.

Through all the many years that I have known Alvin Ah Loo, he has been very fair and honest with me. He is a dealer that I will continue to deal with and purchase items from. In addition to our mutual interest the pawn shop has many other items, such as golfing items, musical instruments, Hawaiiana, videos, and the list goes on and on. If you do not see what you are looking for asked Alvin, he will gladly help you and if he does not have it, he will get it for you. His phone number is (808) 486 3300, or E-mail address: [goldpawn@pixi.com](mailto:goldpawn@pixi.com), or visit his website: [www.pixi.com/-goldpawn](http://www.pixi.com/-goldpawn). His address is 98-150 Kaonohi Street, Aiea, Hawaii 96701. Thank you Alvin and your lovely wife, Charmaine for your assistance and this fantastic "venture." Mahalo!



# The Kauai 'O'O

by Irving Kam



The Birds of Hawaii commemorative medals have continued to be very popular and the Honolulu Coin Club is pleased to announce it's newest addition to the series. This years issue feature the Kauai Oo or the Acrulocercus Braccatus as it is formally known in the ornithological journals. The genus includes four distinct species in the Hawaiian chain with one each on the islands of Oahu, Molokai, Hawaii, and Kauai, respectively. They differ in appearance, habits, and size while belonging to the same family of honey eaters. The Kauai bird is the smallest of the group and it's Hawaiian name is Oo aa. The word aa meaning a dwarf or small person, thus the translation, "the little Oo."

Endemic to the lush "Garden Island", it's coloration is defined as having a black head, wings, and pointed tail, while the undersides is a dark smokey brown. Also, a white patch in the wing is especially noticeable in flight as the same occurs on the throat area but with a barred effect, and the feathers on the legs are a bright golden yellow. Sadly, the Kauai Oo is in dire danger of becoming extinct, a fate that is presumed to have already befallen it's relatives on the other three islands.

Our club treasurer, Charlie Matsuda, has once again done a skillful job in rendering the artwork for the number six edition. Mintage of the one ounce .999 fine silver and bronze pair is limited to two hundred and fifteen sets. As always, the 39 MM medals are packaged in attractively illustrated inserts as well as

matching envelopes. They will be made available at the club's annual Statehood Day Coin Show in mid-August as well as through the mail. Sales via the postal system is \$28.00 postpaid/insured and all orders may be directed to: Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

Aloha! pau

## "SOUTHWARD BOUND TO RECUP"

Several weeks ago the above title was in the Hawaii by Dave Donnelly's column in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin paper. Walt Southward who is a member of Big Island Coin Club and HSNA was felled with a stroke in March. He spent six weeks in Hilo Medical Center and a "grueling" six weeks at the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific in Honolulu, now he is home in Hilo. He is regaining his motor skills and determined to walk and type again with out help. We all wish him well. Our prays and thoughts are with you, Walt. Aloha!

## Calling All Juniors!!!

Now that summer if here, it's a good time to start a hobby. How about coin collecting? The Honolulu Coin Club can help get you started. Free membership to all juniors who is attending school, and a chance to win some wonderful door prizes. So, come join us, you will have much to gain and nothing to lose.

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